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1. IN A BRIEF CONVERSATION ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 2 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GBEZERA-BRIA, I TOLD HIM OF MY DESIRE TO SEE HIM TO DISCUSS THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH HAD TROUBLED OUR RELATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS. MY TASK WAS TO TRY AND RESTORE THE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PAST AND TO FIND WAYS OF AVOIDING FUTURE INCIDENTS, PERHAPS THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF A CONSULAR CONVENTION. I NOTED THAT I WAS AWAITING THE TEXT OF A FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM WASHINGTON. BRIA WITH CHARACTERISTIC AFFABILITY SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO HAVING A MORE EXTENDED DISCUSSION WITH ME IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS. HE SHARED MY HOPE THAT WE SHOULD RESOLVE CURRENT DIFFERENCES; INDEED HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT WE WOULD.

2. COMMENT: BRIA SAID HE KNEW OF MY AUGUST 1 CONVERSATION WITH THE EMPEROR, THOUGH I COULD NOT TELL IF HE WAS AWARE EITHER OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS TONE OR ITS SUBSTANCE. BRIA IS BASICALLY A MAN OF GOOD WILL AND HAS ALWAYS WORKED TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE IS NOT, HOWEVER, THE ONE WHO TAKES THE ULTIMATE DECISIONS AND HIS OPTIMISM MAY NOT REFLECT THE LATEST MOOD AT BERENGO. QUAINTON

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